I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service will sufficient postage as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner fo Patents, Washington, D.C., 20231, on: PATENT Docket No. 0225-0033.22 IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE IN RE APPLICATION OF: Unknown Singh, et al. EXAMINER: SERIAL No.: Not Yet Assigned Unknown ART UNIT: FILED: Filed Herewith FOR: KITS EMPLOYING OLIGONUCLEOTIDE-BINDING E-TAG PROBES Information Disclosure Statement Within Three Months of Application Filing or Before First Action - 37 CFR 1.97(b) Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231 Sir: 1. Timing of Submission This information disclosure is being filed within three months of the filing date of this application or date of entry into the national stage of an international application or before the mailing date of a first Office action on the merits, whichever occurs last [37 CFR 1.97(b)]. The references listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 (modified) may be material to examination of this application; the Examiner is requested to make

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3. Effect of Information Disclosure Statement (37 CFR 1.97(h)

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